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Summary of 10 Key Changes to Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act 2007 General Session Changes

General Description	S.B. 246	Previous Law
1. Officeholder campaign finance year-end summary reports <i>(Section 20A-11-401)</i> <i>(Officeholder includes all state elected officials including the legislature and members of state and local school boards)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required annually • may file a single report both as an officeholder and as a candidate 	<p>Required after regular general elections (held in even numbered years)</p>
2. Reportable "Expenditures" made by a lobbyist, principal, or government officer <i>(Section 36-11-102)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • do not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a food or refreshment item not part of a meal that is \$5 or less • a publicly presented award that is \$50 or less • reimbursement expenses for all travel, lodging, or meals are reportable expenditures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no dollar value set for food not part of a meal • no dollar value set for awards – public presentation not required • reimbursement expenses for travel, lodging, or meals to attend a meeting of an organization is not a reportable expenditure

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3. Lobbyist financial reports <i>(Subsection 36-11-201(1))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lobbyist is required to file quarterly financial reports even if no expenditure is made during the quarter • A principal or a government officer that makes an expenditure during a quarter is required to file a quarterly report 	A lobbyist, a principal, or a government officer is required to file an annual report, and, if they made an expenditure since the last report, they were required to file a financial report on various dates associated with legislative general sessions, specials sessions, veto override sessions, and general elections
5. Reporting by public official name (using Schedule A) <i>(Subsection 36-11-201(3) and Section 36-11-201.3)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost of admission to professional or collegiate sporting event, regardless of cost • tangible personal property greater than \$10 • food or beverage greater than \$50 • all gifts given in one day, if the total gifts in the day are greater than \$50 	If gift is more than \$50, it must be reported by public official name
6. Reporting by public official type (using Schedule B) <i>(Subsection 36-11-201(3) and Section 36-11-201.3)</i>	Every reportable expenditure that is not reported by public name must be reported by public official type	If gift is \$50 or less, report by public official type
7. Electronic reporting <i>(Subsection 36-11-201(6))</i>	Requires the lieutenant governor to allow submission of reports via the Internet	No provision for Internet reporting
8. Ceasing lobbying activities <i>(Subsection 36-11-201(7))</i>	Quarterly financial reports are required until the lobbyist or principal files a statement that all expenditures have been reported and that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for a lobbyist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lobbying has ceased; and • the lobbyist's license is surrendered; or • for a principal, a lobbyist is no longer employed 	Financial reports are required until the January 10 report that is more than 12 months after the date that the lobbyist's license is surrendered

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9. Conflicts of interest <i>(Section 36-11-306)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits a lobbyist from representing a principal if the lobbyist is required to assert a position that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is opposed to another principal being represented by the lobbyist; or • conflicts with a personal interest of the lobbyist • Allows a lobbyist to represent a principal despite a conflict of interest if informed consent is given in writing 	None
10. Public Officers and Employees Ethics Act revisions <i>(Section 67-16-5)</i>	Removes a reference to legislators under the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act related to restrictions on receiving a gift unless it is reported	Reporting requirements for gifts are provided under both the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act and the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act

Note: S.B. 246, Government Law Changes, is effective on April 30, 2007.